

Choker / Neckdown

Description: Narrowing of a street at an intersection, mid-block or along a road segment, in order to reduce the width of the traveled way and provide additional room roadside for sidewalks or landscaping.

Conditions For Use:

Street Class: Shall only be used on streets classified 'local' with no more than two travel lanes.

Road Width: Pavement widths prior to work should be 33' or wider. Narrowing will result in traveled way no less than 22' wide.

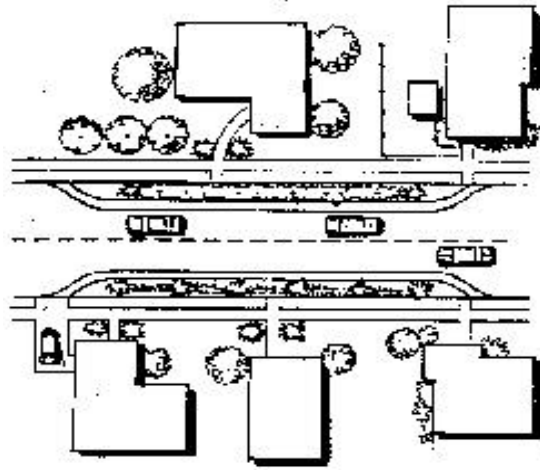
Approx. Cost:

Positive Aspects:

- Normally results in a slight slowing of vehicle speeds.
- Shorter pedestrian crossing distance and better motorist-pedestrian visibility of each other.
- Creates added streetscape area for pedestrians and/or landscaping.
- Can be combined with other applications, such as raised intersections, speed humps, etc.

Negative Aspects:

- Expensive to construct.
- Potential obstacle for motorists to hit.
- May impede bicycle mobility and safety.
- Loss of curbside parking.
- May require reworking of surface drainage.



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